

Amendments to the Claims:

1 (currently amended): A method for displaying recent items, comprising:

 determining a recent item from recently accessed items on a device; wherein the recently accessed items on the device include: recent incoming phone calls; recent outgoing phone calls; recently received electronic messages; recent outgoing electronic messages; and recent access of contacts;

 replacing the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list when the item has an associated contact;

 placing the recent item in a recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;

 generating the recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item within the recent items list; wherein the recent items list includes both recent items that were replaced by a contact and recent items that were not replaced by a contact, the recent items list generated such that recent items related to a pinned contact are listed higher than items from a standard contact more recently received;

 displaying the recent items list; ~~and~~

displaying non-recently accessed contacts after the displayed list of recent items; and

in response to selecting the recent item, displaying a context menu ~~when the recent item is selected~~; wherein the context menu includes:

 in response to determining the recent item was not replaced by a contact, an option to create a new contact for the recent item;

 in response to determining the recent item was replaced by a contact, an option to pin a selected contact displayed in the recent items list;

 an option to beam the recent item; ~~and~~

 an option to remove the recent item from the recent items list; and

an option to view a call history for the recent item.

2 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a time associated with a communication associated with the recent item.

3 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a frequency associated with communications associated with the recent item.

4 (original): The method of Claim 2, further comprising determining a frequency associated with the communication.

5 (original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising replying to the recent item by using any available communication method.

6 (original): The method of Claim 5, wherein the communication method is selected from a set comprising a telephone call, an IM message, an SMS message, MMS message and an email.

7 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the recent item list is limited to a predetermined number of recent items.

8 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining when a communication associated with the recent item is private and when the communication is private marking the communication as a non-recent item and not including the recent item in the recent items list.

9 (original): The method of Claim 2, further comprising displaying the time of the communication within a title bar of a contacts window when the recent item is highlighted.

10 (original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising turning off the display of the recent items list based on a setting.

11 (currently amended): A system for displaying recent items, comprising:
a communications connection configured to receive a communication;

a display configured to display a recent items list; and
a recent items application configured to perform actions, including:

determining a recent item from recently accessed items; wherein the recently accessed items include: recent incoming phone calls; recent outgoing phone calls; recently received electronic messages; recent outgoing electronic messages; ~~and~~ recent access of contacts; recent incoming SMS messages; recent outgoing SMS messages; recent incoming IM messages; recent outgoing IM messages; recently accessed files and recently accessed applications;

replacing the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list when recent item has an associated contact within a contact list;

placing the recent item in the recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;

generating the recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item; and recent items related to a pinned contact are listed higher than items from a standard contact; and

displaying the recent items list on the display; ~~and~~

displaying non-recently accessed contacts after the displayed list of recent items;

and

in response to selection of a recent item, displaying a context menu, wherein an option in the context menu depends on whether a selected recent item is replaced by a contact.

12 (original): The system of Claim 11, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a time associated with the communication.

13 (original): The system of Claim 12, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a frequency associated with the recent item.

14 (original): The system of Claim 11, further comprising using the communication connection to reply to the recent contact by using any available communication method.

15 (original): The system of Claim 11, wherein the recent items list is limited to a predetermined number of recent items.

16 (previously presented): The system of Claim 12, wherein determining the recent item based on the communication further comprises determining when the communication is private and when the communication is private marking the communication as a non-recent item such that the recent item is not placed in the recent items list.

17 (original): The system of Claim 12, further comprising instructing the display to display the time of the communication within a title bar of a contacts window when the recent contact is highlighted.

18 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for displaying recent items, comprising:

determining a recent item from recently accessed items; wherein the recently accessed items include: recent incoming phone calls; recent outgoing phone calls; recently received electronic messages; recent outgoing electronic messages; and recent access of contacts;

attempting to associate the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list;

placing the recent item in a recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;

generating the recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item; and wherein a recent item related to a pinned contact is pinned to the top of the recent items list; ~~and~~

displaying the recent items list; and

displaying non-recently accessed contacts after the displayed list of recent items.

19 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining at least one of a time associated with the access to the item and a frequency associated with the access to the item.

20 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, further comprising replying to the recent item by using any available communication method.

21 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein determining the recent item based on the access to the item further comprises determining when a communication is private and when the communication is private marking the communication as a non-recent item and not including the recent item in the recent items list.

22 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 19, further comprising displaying the time of the access to the item within a title bar of a contacts window when the recent item is highlighted.

23 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, further comprising turning off the display of the recent items list based on a setting.